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In re Application of :
Rice et al. :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed March 22, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the non-final Office action mailed February 12, 2003. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on May 13, 2003.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further examination on the merits.

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